

North Reading Public Schools
North Reading, Massachusetts

Regular Meeting of the School Committee
Open Session

Date: March 4, 2021

Time: 6:30 PM

Place: Distance Learning Lab, North Reading High School

Virtual Meeting (+1 475-441-4825 / PIN: 932 356 195#) meet.google.com/cxq-kauo-muy

School Committee Members Present

Dyana Boutwell

Scott Buckley

Janene Imbriano

Rich McGowan

Chris Pappavaselio

Staff Members Present

Patrick Daly – Superintendent of Schools

Michael Connelly – Assistant Superintendent of Finance
and Operations

Cindy Elmore –Recording Secretary

I. I. Call to Order Open Session

Chair Scott Buckley called the Open Session to order at 6:30 pm.

II. A. Public Input: There was no public input.

II. B. Student Report:

Ms. Shivani Srikanth, Class of 2022, shared the student report and her class work.

II. D.1. Presentation: Representatives of the Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational High School

Dr. David DiBarri, Superintendent-Director of the Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational High School; Ms. Judy Dymment, North Reading's Representative to the NEMRVHS; Mr. Jay Picone, Finance Director; and Ms. Carla Scuzzarella, Deputy Director/Principal, discussed the school's response to Hybrid Learning and the plans for the building of a new school.

II. D.2. Community Impact Team (CIT) Survey

Ms. Amy Luckiewicz, (CIT), and Dr. Daly reviewed the CIT annual survey, about healthy behaviors and well-being, to be taken by secondary students in the coming weeks. This is the fifth and final year of the Drug Free District Grant ending in September 2021. The Community Impact Team will apply for another five-year grant.

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Imbriano and seconded by Ms. Boutwell to approve the Community Impact Team survey for the Middle and High School. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.

II. C.1. 2020-21 School Year Update:

Superintendent Daly provided updates on the progress of our schools in the 2020-21 school year in the hybrid model. Updates included communication about the COVID-19 testing, survey data, plans for a return to full in-person, school start times, and other related topics.

II. D.3. 2021-22 School Calendar

Dr. Daly presented the first draft of the 2021-22 school calendar to include a start date for the year as well as an anticipated end date. There is also an addition of a new State holiday in recognition of Juneteenth.

II. D.4. School Start Times Update

Dr. Daly gave an update on the work of the School Start Times Committee and the timeline for a presentation to the North Reading School Committee.

II. D.5. FY22 Preliminary Budget Presentation

Mr. Michael Connelly, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations, reviewed the Fiscal Year 2022 preliminary budget.

II. D.6. Facilities Master Plan Committee

The North Reading School Committee nominated Mr. McGowan as a member to the Facilities Master Plan Committee through May 2021. In May at the reorganization another nomination will be made.

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Imbriano and seconded by Ms. Boutwell to appoint Mr. McGowan to the Facilities Master Plan Committee. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.

II. D.7. Secondary Schools Building Committee

The North Reading School Committee recommended the appointment of Mr. Scott Buckley, Mr. Sonny Campagna, and Dr. Patrick Daly to the Secondary Schools Building Committee (SSBC) to replace those no longer serving the district. Mr. Chuck Carucci, Chair of the SSBC, has suggested the appointments include (1) an additional School Committee member to serve along with Ms. Imbriano, (2) Dr. Daly to serve as the Superintendent representative, and (3) Mr. Campagna to serve as the Facilities Director. A joint meeting of the Select Board and School Committee will be necessary to vote to approve these appointments.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Ms. Imbriano to appoint Dr. Daly to serve as the Superintendent representative, Mr. Campagna to serve as the Facilities Director, and Scott Buckley to serve as an additional School Committee member on the side. We recommend that the Joint Select Board and the School Committee appoint those three. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.

II. D.8. Second Reading: Policy JHFB-R

The School Committee reviewed the second reading of policy JHFB-R.

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Imbriano and seconded by Mr. Pappavaselio to approve the second reading of Policy JHFB-R and to keep the “track changes” as delineated in the document. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.

II. D.9. Superintendent’s Evaluation Update: Formative Assessment

Mr. Pappavaselio shared the School Committee’s Formative Assessment of Dr. Daly.

II. E.1 Minutes:

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Imbriano and seconded by Mr. McGowan to accept the January 28, 2021 Open Session minutes as written. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Imbriano and seconded by Mr. McGowan to accept the February 8, 2021 Open Session minutes as written. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.

II. E.2. Budget Update:

Mr. Connelly, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations gave a student activity report for the second quarter of the fiscal year reflecting activity through December 31, 2020 for each school student activity account.

II. E.3 Staffing: No staffing update.**II. E.4. Bids and Donations:** None at this time.**II. F.1. Subcommittee Update:**

Mr. Buckley and Mr. McGowan gave an update of the March 2, 2021 Finance Planning Team meeting.

Mr. McGowan gave an update of the February 25, 2021 NORCAM Advisory Board meeting.

Mr. Buckley also attended his first SEPAC meeting on March 3, 2021 as a School Committee liaison.

Future Subcommittee Schedule

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| • Athletic Subcommittee | March 17, 2021 | 1:00 PM |
| • Fine Arts Subcommittee | March 17, 2021 | 3:30 PM |
| • Finance Planning Team | April 6, 2021 | 8:00 AM |

II. F.2 Administrative Report:

- The Cybersecurity Grant the district received for the 2021-22 school year will be rolled out for all staff again this year.
- Dr. Daly gave a big shout out to the North Reading Public Schools nurses and all our teachers and staff, who have done an amazing job. Our nurses have gone above and beyond with the pooled testing and contact tracing as well as their regular duties.
- Parents from the Hood School have nominated Ms. Andrea Slaven as Massachusetts Teacher of the Year.

II. F.3. Correspondence:

- Dr. Daly provided an update on an email from Ms. Antolini that was sent to the School Committee and Superintendent questioning what the district's plans are on the reopening of the schools.

II. Future Business:

Monday, March 22, 2021	6:30 PM	Middle School Presentation
Wednesday, March 31, 2021	3:00 PM	Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Workshop
Thursday, April 15, 2021	6:30 PM	Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Public Hearing
Wednesday, April 28, 2021	3:00 PM	Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Workshop

IV. Adjournment:

The Committee voted on a motion made by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Ms. Imbriano adjourn at 9:59 pm. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.

Documents and Exhibits:

1. North Reading Community Impact Team student survey
2. School Calendar 2021-2022
3. 2021-22 Start Times Timeline
4. NRPS FY22 Preliminary Budget Presentation
5. Policy JHFB-R - Late Night / Overnight Student Travel
6. Minutes – Open Session – January 28, 2021
7. Minutes – Open Session – February 8, 2021
8. MEMO – FY21 Student Activity Q1 Report
9. Superintendent’s Goals
10. Letter recommending Ms. Slavin as Teacher of the Year from Hood School Parents
11. Email from Ms. Antolini